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CONDITION OF THE MARKET

Nervousness Pervades Wheat, Which Closes a Cent Below the Opening.

Corn Weak and Lower, While Oats Were Al Weak in Sympathy with the Former-Mess Pork Active-Decline in Lard.

MONEY, BONDS AND STOCKS,

The Market Very Duil and Devoid of Any Feature of Importance. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.-Money on call was easy at 305 per cent., the last loan being made

at 3, closing offered at 2. Prime mercantile paper, 41 @61 per cent Sterling exchange was in light demand, but strong at 4.844 for sixty days and 4.882 for de-

mand. The total sales of stocks to-day were 161,412 shares, including the following: Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 36,050; Lake Shore, 8,905; Missouri Pacific, 5,010; Northwestern, 13,943; New Jersey Central, 3,750; Reading, 30,900; Richmond & West Point, 4,500; St. Paul, 18,106;

Union Pacific, 9,680. The stock market to day was again very dull, with little or no feature of importance, while the larger operators held aloof and allowed the board-room traders to assume command of the market. The situation as it appeared to-day was not so favorable as during the early portion of the week, as a further rise in exchange was accompanied by heavy engagements of gold for shipments, bringing the total amount for this week up to a larger sum than for any previous week this year, and the rates for money on call were again shoved up to 5 per cent, which is equal to that ruling in London. The signing of the agreement to restore rates by the presidents of six of the Western roads failed to stimulate business, as the feeling at present is that such arrangements are not to be trusted, and the local operators of any weight are doing little or nothing in the market at present. The traders changed sides from time to time during the day. and while there were frequent changes in the temper of the speculation the fluctuations were almost entirely made within a range of 1 per cent, and most of the stocks traded in failed to show a difference of more than onehalf of 1 per cent. between their extreme prices. There was considerable animation in the coal stocks, especially Lackawanna, on which there was a rumor of a script dividend, though authority for the statement could not be traced. The Grangers were next in order with Lake Shore and Cotton Oil, but the remainder was without feature of importance. London came lower this morning, and this market responded with declines of from 1 to 1 of 1 per cent. The traders indulged in considerable hammering during the forenoon and during the first hour there was some activity, while prices slowly yielded small fractions further. After that time, however, the market became intensely duil, when prices slowly reacted until toward 2 P. M., when the decline was resumed with the loss of insignificant fractions. Stagnation again followed and the market remained without movement for the rest of the day, finally closing dull and fairly steady at slight concessions from last evening's figures. The final changes in the active list, without exception, are for fractional amounts

Railroad bonds were very dull and uninterest ing while prices remained steady throughout, the market changes in quotations being few in number, and while there was some animation in the Reading issues, the second incomes furnishing \$134,000 to the day's total of \$834,000, the movements in them were insignificant.

Government bonds were dull and steady. State bonds were dull and without feature. Closing quotations were:

Four per ct. bonds 127	Kansas & Texas 13
Four per cent. coup.128	Lake Erie & Weste'n 16
Four and a h'f per ct. 10818	
Four and a 12s coup. 10818	
Pacific 6s of '95 119	Louv. & Nashville 533
Louisi's stamped 4s. 9014	L. & N. A 40
Missouri 6s 1021	Mem. & Charleston. 53
	Michigan Central 84
Tenn. settlem'nt 5s. 98	Mil., L. S. & W 50
Tenn. settlemn't 3s. 713	Mil., L. S. & W. pref 90
Can. Southern 2ds 92	Minn. & St. Louis 5
Central Pacific 1sts. 1134	Minn & St. L. pref 11
Den. & Rio G. 1sts 119	Missouri Pacific 695
Den. & Rio G. 4s 7634	
	Nashville & Chatta. 81
	New Jersey Central. 923
M., K. & T. gen. 6s. 62	Norfolk & W. pref. 49
M., K. & T. gen. 5s. 55	Northern Pacific 24
Mutual Union 6s 9419	
N. J. C. int. cert 10758	Chic. & Northwest'n 1033
North'n Pac. 1sts11712	C. & Northw'n pref. 1374
North'n Pac. 2ds 11078	New York Central 1064
Northwest'n cons'ls. 1421	N. Y. C. & St. L 164
Northw't debe'n 5s 109	N. Y., C. & St.L. pref 68
Oregon & Trans. 6s. 101	Ohio & Mississippi 204
St. L. & I. M. gen 5s 87	Ohio & Miss. pref 83
St. L. & S. F. gen m11614	Ontario & Western. 144
St. Paul consols 12614	
St. P., C. & Pac. 1sts120	Oregon Navigation. 904
Tex. Pacific 1sts 90	Ore. & Transcontin'l 283
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Tex. Pacific 2ds.... 38 Pacific Mail...... 35 Reading 45% Rock Island 97 Alton & T. Haute... 40 Alton & T. H. pref., 85 American Express...110 St. L. & San Fran.. 2458 American Express. 113

Bur., C. R. & N..... 20

St. L. & S. F. pref. 64¹8

Canada Pacific 51¹8

St. L. & F. 1st. pref110¹4

Canada Southern ... 51

Central Pacific 34

Chesapeake & Ohio... 17¹4

St. Paul preferred ... 100⁵8

Chesapeake & Ohio... 17¹4

St. Paul, M. & M.... 97¹8 C. & O. pref. 1sts... 1419 St. Paul & Omaha.. 3219 C. & O. 2ds...... 1534 St. Paul & O. pref.. 9914 Chicago & Alton... 134 Tenn. Coal & Iron.. 3334 C., B. & Q....... 1051 Texas Pacific...... 2078 C., St. L. & P....... 1312 Toledo & O. C. pref. 50 Delaware & Hudson 12614 W., St. L. & P. pref 2378
Del., La. 2. & West. 137
D. & Rio Grande... 16
W. U. Telegraph... 8234

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 14 .- Turpentine firm NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Bar silver, 93c.

1., B. & W..... 13

The Ups and Downs of the Market, with the Range in Prices of Leading Articles.

TRADING AT CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14. - Outside orders for wheat were few, and only a moderate business was transacted, chiefly local, a nervous feeling existing. At times large traders appeared to be buying heavily, then selling freely, and it was difficult to decipher the intentions of larger operators. The opening was strong and a trifle higher than the closing figures of yesterday, but the advance was quickly followed by real izing, and prices declined 1%c below the outside figures reached, but not without some rapid fluctuations, and closed about le lower. The liberal outward movement of gold had a weakening effect, besides which it was the impression that some traders had sold freely early in the session. A little more life was manifested in corn, and trading at times was fairly active. The feeling developed was weaker, and offerings were considerably larger than for some days past. The opening sales were at about the closing prices of yesterday, after which the market became easy and prices declined ic, reacted a trifle, but again became weak near the close, and closed \$0 to lower than yesterday. The temper of the local crowd was bearish, and repeated efforts were made to break the market. In oats trading was fair, particularly during the latter part of the session. A weak feeling prevailed, due to the decline in corn and the large receipts. Prices for May declined le; but reacted it ic and closed easy. December was dull and to lower. A little more interest was manifested in mess pork, and trading was quite active at times. The demand was fair, and the offerings were free, especially during the middle of the session. Opening sales were made at 21 05c advance, but a weaker feeling was quickly developed, and trices receded 221 @25c. Toward the close the feeling was steadier, and prices rallied 24 35c, and the market closed steady. A decidedly weak feeling was manifested in lard. Opening sales were made at .05@ .074c was submitted to, the market closing tame. Rather more business transacted in ribs, but the market was somewhat unsettled. At the opening, sales were made at .02je advance, but a

	Opening	Highest.	Lo west.	Closing.
Wheat-December.	\$1.0538	\$1.054	\$1.0458	\$1.0518
January	1.0634			1.0559
May	1.1114	1.1158	1.1014	1.104
Corn-December	3414	3414	3414	2412
January	3431			3419
May	45.44.55		374	3714
Oats-December				26
January				2619
May	2938	2938	29	2938
Pork-December				13.30
January		13.60	13.35	13.371
May			13.75	13.75
Lard-December		8.05	7.924	and the second second
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				6.95
January May Short Ribs—Jan'ary May	7.95 8.021g	7.95 8.021g	7.8219	7.85 7.95 6.95

and unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat, \$1.041 @1.04 c; No. 3 spring wheat, 93c; No. 2 red, \$1.04\ \tilde{w} 1.04\ \tilde{x}; No. 2 corn, 34c; No. 2 oats, 26c; No. 2 rye, 52c; No. 2 barley, 74c f. o. b.; No. 1 flaxseed, \$1.55; prime timothy-seed, \$1.50; mess pork, per brl. \$13.37½ @13.50; lard, per pound, 8c; short-rib sides. (loose), 7@7.10c; dry-salted shoulders (boxed), 7.00 @ 7.12tc; short-clear sides (boxed), 7.37t @7.50c; whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gai, \$1.20; sugars unchanged.

On the Produce Exchange, to-day, the butter market was easy; fancy Elgin, 31 @33c; choice Western, 26@27c; fancy dairy, 23@24c; good to choice, 20@22c; eggs dull and weak at 20}

Receipts-Flour, 5,000 brls.: wheat, 16,000 bu; corn, 237,000 bu; oats, 158,000 bu; rye, 13,000 bu; barley, 110,000 bu. Shipments-Flour, 8,000 brle; wheat, 8,000 bu; corn, 386,000 bu; oats, 103,000 bu; rye, 5,000 bu; barley, 55,000 bu.

Special Features of the Day.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—The local wheat market was rather shaky and unsettled to-day, at a somewhat lower range of values. There was about the same line of "bull" naws as on yesterday, but this, in a large measure, was offset by reports of heavy gold shipments from New York, the total for the week footing up nearly \$5,000,000. The opening for May was at \$1.141, and trade for the first half-hour was flat. It was the tamest opening that has been experienced for a long time. Private cable advices were encouraging, and Liverpool quoted an advance in California wheat. Foreign quotations are still so far below American that interest in prices abroad is prospective to a large degree. Domestic news was far from sensational in its character. Minneapolis wired that there was a further reduction the number of cars on the side-track, from 1,000 yesterday to 850 to-day, and receipts for to-morrow are estimated at 250 cars. Here in Chicago the total receipts of wheat of all grades footed up to thirty cars, of which three cars graded No. 2, and the estimate for to-morrow is forty-five cars. Prices here are advertised all over the world as being vastly too high and wholly artificial, yet the wheat is not attracted this way. This would argue either remarkable stubborn-

ness on the part of country holders or a scarcity of wheat. Both views are strongly held. The local trading crowd was bearish in sentiment to-day. The gold shipments were their strongest card, and the belief that this Friday was going to be like the several Fridays last preceding also had its effect in influencing the scalping trade. May, as before stated, opened at \$1.114, and for the first hour and a half ranged \$1.11 low and \$1.11 @1.11 high. Then it began to ease off, and sold down to \$1.10\$. The market seemed to be pegged at \$1.11 for a time, and later at \$1.103. There was unquestionably good buying around \$1.102, and up to 1 o'clock it was found impossible to keep prices below that point for more than a minute or two. Most of the hard fighting was between \$1.102 @1.11. Only fear of the stalwart "bull" leaders, who are standing "pat" on their lines, deterred the local crowd from raiding the market down, and several times a rush seemed imminent, regardless of this fear. It was observed, however, that despite the apparent softness of the market no great quantities of wheat were pressed on the market when it was most urgently needed, About 1 o'clock the market took a final "dip," the price going to \$1.101. On the last break more or less thinly held wheat came out on stop-loss orders, and the close was at the inside. December opened at \$1.053, ranged down to \$1.08; and closed there. January opened at \$1.062, sold off to \$1.052 and rested at the bottom. On the day May lost 1c

Outside markets followed price changes here very closely, and no news of consequence came from any of them. New York advised of early purchases for Northwestern account, and there was some buying here, too, for the same district, but nothing of sensational magnitude. The foreign financial news was of a kind to discourage an investment demand for speculative commodities. Altogether the "bears" had the best of it, and they maintained their advantage to the finish.

AT NEW YORK.

Ruling Prices on Produce at the Seaboard's

Commercial Metropolis. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.-Flour-Receipts, 21, 000 packages; exports, 9,700 brls, 10,575 sacks; dull and unchanged: sales, 16,700 bris. Corn-meal dull.

Wheat-Receipts, 9,900 bu; exports, 290 bu; sales, 1,088,000 bu futures, 10,000 bu spot. Spot market weak, with options 2c lower; dull; No. 2 red, \$1.05@1.05\ elevator, \$1.06\ @1.07 afloat, \$1.061 @ 1.08 f. o. b.; No. 3 red, 98c; un-white, \$1.06; No. 1 red, \$1.14. Options dull, heavy and lower; opened tate lower, declined 1 ale, closing 1tc under yesterday; No. 2 red, December, \$1.051 @ 1.06, closing at \$1.051; January, \$1.661 @ 1.071, closing at \$1.061; February, \$1.072 @ 1.082, closing at \$1.072; March, \$1.091 @ 1.10\$, closing at \$1.09\$; May, \$1.11\$ @1.12\$, closing at \$1.112: June closed at \$1.114. Rye heavy and dull; Western, 61 @63c. Barley

firmer and quiet; No. 1 Canada, 88 @ 90c; No. 2 December, 85 %87c. Corn-Receipts, 55,000 bu; exports, 77,000 bu; sales, 704,000 bu futures, 149,000 bu spot. Spot market moderately active; old corn stronger, new easy. No. 2, 464 a 464c elevator, 474 a 474c afloat; ungraded mixed, 37@38c; No. 3, 411 @42c. Options dull, \$ @ to lower and weak; December, 461 @462c, closing at 461c; January, 461 @461c,

46%c; May, 45% @ 46%c, closing at 45%c. Oats—Receipts, 64,000 bu; exports, 1.881 bu; sales, 70,000 bu fatures, 114,000 bu spot. Spot market quiet, 10% lower and weak. Options dull and ge lower; December, 30ge; January, 311 @ 312c, closing at 314c; February, 32c; May, 331 @ 34c, closing at 334c; spot No. 2 white, 34 @ 35c; mixed Western, 29@32c; white Western,

closing at 46tc; February, 46t @ 46tc, closing at

Hay quiet and weak.

Hops dull and easy. Coffee-Options opened steady at 10@15 points down, and closed steady at 5@15 points below yesterday. Sales, 67,250 bags, including December, 15@15.15e; January, 15.20@15.25e; February and March, 15.15@15.35e; April, 15.25@ 15.40e; May and June, 15.30 @ 15.45e; July, 15.35 @15.50e; September, 15.45@15.55c. Spot Rio easy and dull; fair cargoes, 17c. Sugar-Raw unchanged; refined strong; moderate trade. Molasses-Foreign nominal; New Orleans active. Rice strong and fairly active.

Tallow lower; city, 6 c. Rosin firm and quiet. Eggs firm and in fair demand; Western, 221 @ 23c; receipts, 3,098 packages. Pork steady and quiet; mess, \$14.75@15. Beef dull. Cut meats weak; pickled belies, 74 @ 8; pickled shoulders, 71 @71c; pickled hams, 91 @ 10c; middles easy; short clear, 7.75c. Lard de-

pressed, lower and dull. Packers selling. Sales Western steam, 8.421 @8.50c, closing at 8.374c; December, 8.30c; January, 8 14 @ 8.20c, closing at 8.14c; February, 8.14c; March, 8.15c; April. 8.16c; May, 8.17 @ 8.22c; closing at 8.17c; June, Butter steady on choice, and in moderate de-

mand: Western dairy, 14 @ 24c; Western creamery, 19@31c; Eigins nominal. Cheese in fair demand and firm; Western, 10@112c; skims, 3 @ 10 le.

DUN & CO.'S WEEKLY REVIEW. Present Business Satisfactory, with an Unusual Feeling of Confidence in the Future. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.-R. G. Dun & Co.'s review of trade, says: The most important event of the week in the financial world, the failure of the Panama canal, has not as yet been felt in this country. The amount of securities held here is not large, and there is a general belief that the French government will be obliged to do something to avert widespread disaster. But it can do nothing to make permanently valuable the vast amount of seccrities issued, and heavy French losses will in time have some effect on money markets elsewhere. The supply of money in all parts of the country is so large, and the .07to decline, and a further reduction of .05@ | heavy disbursements of January are so near at hand that there is an unusual feeling of confidence. The bank clearings for the first week of December exceed those of last year by weaker feeling soon developed and prices reced- | 18 per cent, which implies a large volume of ed .07 . 10c. At the close the market was | present business. The gains outside New York | all round more steady to firm.

include even Southern sections, in which there has been most depression. Reports from Memphis still indicate no improvement, the cotton returns for Arkansas and Mississippi being unfavorable. Throughout the Northwest improvement is felt, except at a few points where wild speculation and overtrading last year did most mischief. In hardware some disposition to purchase, in expectation of higher prices, is no-ticed at Cleveland. Cutting of rail rates demoralizes business at Denver, and doubtless embarrasses it at many other points; but the general tenor of reports is decidedly favorable. The furnaces in blast were of the capacity of 148,913 tons weekly, according to the New York report, and 139,282 tons according to the Pittsburg report Taking the former as a maximum, and the latter as a minimum, in either case the increase in November was about 8,000 tons, and the production is either a little larger or a little smaller than the largest ever attained, about Nov. 1, 1887. In rails late contracts are said to have been at \$27.50 with Eastern, and \$26.50

with Pittsburg mills. The volume of production is on the whole increasing. Wheat has advanced lie on small speculative transactions, experts to the continent having reached 600,000 bushel, with none to Great Britain. Corn and cats have declined to each; and pork is 25s lower and lard to lower. Cotton has been steady; a Memphis circular now estimates the yield at 6,700,000 bales. Coffee has declined to, and oil has risen to. The general average for all commodities is about 1 per ceut lower than a week ago, and slightly below the level of Nov. 1. In the stock market there has been hesitation, though the average of prices is 35c on the \$100 better than a week ago. It is remarkable, on the whole, that with disheartening controversies, and with continuing sales on foreign account, the market has been so well sustained. Foreign trade is fair in volume. The Treasury has put out \$2,100,000 more than it has taken in during the past week, thus supplying the loss caused by the gold ex-

The business failures in the last seven days number 303, as compared with 305 last week, and 232 the week previous. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 288.

TRADE IN GENERAL

Quotations at St. Louis, Philadelphia, Balti-

more, Cincinnati and Other Points. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14 .- Flour unchanged. Wheat opened firm on light receipts and strong cables, and a fractional advance occurred, but speculation was light and prices soon turned. This started selling and a decline followed, May closing 7sc and July 1sc below yesterday. No. 2 red, cash, \$1.013s@1.021s; May, \$1.073t@1.09, closing at \$1.074@1.077s; July, 971s@977sc; closing at 971sc. Corn—Continued large receipts and declining markets elsewhere caused depression and prices closed 3sc below restarday. mixed, cash, 304@31c; December, 314c; January, 30% 31% c, closing at 30% c asked; February, 31% 31% c closing at 31%; May, 34% 234% c, closing at 34% c. Oats lower. No. 2 mixed, cash 24c bid; May, 2878 2918c, closing at 2878c. Rye quiet at 4814 3 4834c. Barley quiet. Sample lots Minnesota, 63 3 6712c; common. 58 366c; Dakota, 7234c. Hay easy. Prairie, \$739.50; mixed timothy, \$8311; timothy, \$11@14. Bran quiet at 68c. Flax-seed firm at \$1.45. Butter dull. Creamery, 28@30c; dairy, 16@24c; Northern roll, 18@20c. Eggs steady at 19c. Cornmeal firm at \$1.85@1.90. Whisky steady at \$1.14. Bagging steady at 11½@13¾c for ½-lb to 2¼-lb weights. Provisions slow and easier. Pork, jobbing, \$14. Lard, 7.90c. Dry-salt meats (loose)—Shoulders, 6.75c; longs and ribs, 7.15c; short clear, 7.30c. Bacon-Shoulders, 7.50c; longs, 8.20c; ribs, 8.25c; short clear, 8.75c; hams, 10.37 2013c. Receipts-Flour, 3,000 brls; wheat, 12,000 bu; corn, 201,000 bu; oats, 43,000 bu; rye, 1,000 bu; barley, 23,000 bu. Shipments-Flour, 12,000 bu; wheat, 18,000 bu; corn, 123,000 bu; oats, 28,000 bu.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.-Flour dull. Wheat dall and lower. No. 2 red. December, \$1.0134 7 1.02; January, \$1.0234 7 1.03; February, \$1.04 7 1.041g; March, \$1.0514@1.054; May, \$1.09@ 1.09%. Corn—There was a better inquiry for new crop, and the market was steadier. Futures a shade firmer; new No. 3 mixed, in grain depot, 36c; new No. 3 high mixed and yellow, 37c; choice new steamer No. 2 yellow, 41c; new No. 2 mixed, on track, 43c; old No. 2 mixed, in grain depot, 50c; old No. 2 yellow, in elevator, 50 c; No. 2 mixed, December, 43@43\c; January, 42\darkarange 43\darkarange 43 white, 334@334c; No. 2 white, 554c. Futures quiet but steady; No. 2 white, December, 3458@35c; January, 344@35c; February, 354@354c; March, 354@36c; May, 354@364c. Provisions in moderate demand and steady. Butter dull and easier; Pennsylvania creamery, extra, 30c; Pennsylvania prints, extra, 33c. Eggs weaker; Pennsylvania firsts, 24c. Receipts—Flour, 3,500 bris; wheat, 7,400 bu; corz, 19,100 bu; oats, 4,100 ba. Shipments— Wheat, 6,000 bu; corp. 4,000 bu; oats, 8,000 bu. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 14.-The sample tables were rather thinly covered with wheat, even after the receipts had all been heard from. The demand was not strong, and the few purchasers were taking a good deal of time in making their selections. Receipts were 237 cars, and 60 were shipped out. Duluth reported 12 on track. The receipts from the North-ern Pacific road are again added in, and the quality of offerings on the tables showed an improvement. Lowgrade wheat was as hard to sell as ever, and is only taken because the supply of good wheat is daily too small. Prices did not vary much from yesterday, though late in the session more weakness was spparent. Closing quotations: No. 1 hard, December, \$1.20; January, \$1.21; May, \$1.28; on track. \$1.21; No. 1 Northern, December, \$1.0919: January, \$1.1019: May, \$1.1614: on track, \$1.13@1.14; No. 2 Northern, December, \$1.10; January, \$1.01; May, \$1.09; on track, \$1.02@1.03.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 14 .- Wheat-Western dull and easy; No. 2 winter red, spot and December, 99 \$1.0012@1.03. Corn-Western setive; mixed. spot, 4204218c; year, 4204214c; January, 421904234c; February, 43@431ec; steamer, year and January, 491ec bid: February, 40c bid. Oats firm: Western white, 33@331sc; Western mixed, 30@32c; graded No. 2 white, 34½c bid. Rye dull and rather easier at 61@62c. Hay quiet but steady; prime to choice timothy, \$17@18. Provisions dull and easy. Butter dull, but better feeling; Western, packed, 18@24c; best roll, 20@24c; creamery, 28@32c. Eggs in good demand at 23@24c. Coffee steady; fair Rio, 174c. Receipts-Flour, 6.000 brls; wheat, 6,000 bu; corn, 17,000 bu; oats, 3,000 bu; rye, 1,000 bu. Shipments-Flour, 4,000 brls; corn, 1,000 bu. Sales -Wheat, 34,000 bu; corn, 180,000 bu.

TOLEDO, Dec. 14.—Wheat dull; cash, \$1.0513; December, \$1.0213; May, \$1.0778. Corn dull and easier; cash and December. 36c; May, 373c. Oats dull; cash, 27c. Clover-seed active and steady; cash, \$5.05; February, \$5.174; March, \$5.25. Receipts—Wheat, 8,000 bu; corn, 11,000 bu; cash, 2,000 bu; clover-seed, 1,000 bags. Shipments—Wheat, 3,000 bu; corn, 19,000 bu; cats, 3,000 bu; clover-seed, 1,341

CINCINNATI, Dec.14.—Flour in moderate demand. Wheat quiet; No. 2 red, \$1.04; receipts, 1,800 bu; shipments, 1,200. Corn easy; No. 2 mixed, 36c. Oats in fair demand; No. 2 mixed, 27@27 ge. Rye dull; No. 2, 53c. Provisions quiet. Whisky steady; sales, 743 brls of finished goods on a basis of \$1.14. Butter quiet. Sugar steady. Eggs steady at 18@ 19c. Cheese firm.

DETROIT, Dec. 14 .- Wheat-No. 1 white: cash. closed at \$1.043; No. 2 red, December, \$1.0519; January, \$1.053; May, \$1.113. Corn-No. 2. December, 35 4c; January, 35 4c. Oats-No. 2, 27 4c; No. 2, white, 30c. Receipts-Wheat, 14,800 bu; corn, 14,400; bu; oats, 1,700.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 14 .- Cotton steady; middling, 9 2c; low middling, 9c; good ordinary, 8 4c; net receipts, 12,076 bales; gross receipts, 12,950 bales; exports to Great Britain, 13,797 bales; to the continent, 5,673 bales; coastwise, 1,958 bales; sales, 6,100 bales; stock, 281,148 bales. Weekly— Net receipts, 86,191 bales; gross receipts, 93,557 exports to Great Britain, 27,869 bales; to France, 53,816 bales; to the continent, 31,825 bales; coastwise, 5,488 bales; sales, 27,200 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Cotton steady; middling uplands. 97sc; middling Orleans, 101sc; sales, 249 bales. Futures closed weak; sales, 34,300 bales; December, 9.49c; January, 9.57c; February, 9.70c; March, 9.82c; April, 9.92c; May, 10.02c; June, 10.12c; July, 10.18c; August, 10.28c; September, 9.83c.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 14.—Cotton steady, with a fair demand. Sales, 10,000 bales, of which 1,000 bales were for speculation and export, and included 7,800 bales American.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Petroleum opened steady at 9012c, and after declining to 8912c, became active and strong and advanced to 9212c on buying by Standard Oil brokers. A slight reaction then occurred after which the market rallied again and closed stronger at 9214c. Total sales, 3,402,000 brls. Turpentine steady and quiet at 46@4614c. OIL CITY, Pa., Dec. 14 .- National Transit certificates opened at 905gc; highest, 921gc; lowest, 891gc; closed, 923ec; sales, 1.978.000 bris; clearances, 2,-120.000 brls; charters, 20,154 brls; shipments,

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 14 .- Petroleum active: closed higher. National Transit certificates opened at 907sc; closed at 923sc; highest, 924sc; lowest, 893sc. CLEVELAND, Dec. 14 .- Petroleum easy; standard white 110°, 71gc. WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 14 .- Turpentine firm

95,746 brls; runs, 42 473 brls.

Wool

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14 -- Wool quiet but firm: Ohio. Pennsylvania and West Virginia XX and above, 34@35c; X, 32@34c; medium, 38@40o; coarse, 38 @39c; New York, Michigan, Indiana and Western fine or X and XX, 31@33c; medium, 37@39c; coarse, 37 @38c; fine washed delaine X and XX. 36@38c; me dium washed combing and delaine, XXX, 41@4219c; coarse washed combing and delaine, 39@40c; Canada washed, combing, 34@35c; medium unwashed combing and delaine, 30@32c; coarse unwashed combing and delaine, 30031c. NEW YORK, Dec. 14 .- Wool firm and fairly active; domestic fleece, 30@38c; pulled, 26@39c; Texas,

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Copper brisker, but de-clined 10 points; lake, December, 17.20c. Lead easier; domestic, 3.70c. Tin dull and weaker; straits, 21.75c. Plates quiet but steady. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14 .- Lead easy at 3.55e for

Dry Goods.

Metals.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The inquiry and forward-ings of previous reports were continued, and the com-pleted business was of good proportions, with values

LIVE STOCK. Cattle Stronger on Best Grades-Hogs Opened Lower and Closed Weak-Sheep Dull.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 14. CATTLE-Receipts, 250; shipments, 160. But few on sale; market shade stronger on the best butcher grades and feeders, while others are dull and hard to sell; shipping grades barely steady. Fair to medium 3.20@3.70 Common 2.50 2.80 Feeders, 1.000 to 1,100 lbs...... 2.85 23.25 Stockers, 700 to 900 lbs...... 2.00 2.65 Good to choice heifers..... 2.50@3.00 Common to medium heifers..... 1.50@2.25

SHEEP-Receipts, 175; shipments, 275. Quality generally common; market dull at quotations; about Good to choice\$3.60@4.15 Fair to medium...... 3.10@3.40 Common..... 2.25@2.75

Hogs-Receipts, 8,925; shipments, 2,950. Qual-

ity good: market opened weak and sharply lower;

Elsewhere.

trade ruled slow throughout the day; closed weak; some unsold. Heavy roughs..... 4.2504.75

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 14 .- The Live Stock Indicator reports: Cattle-Receipts, 4,259; shipments, 1,-966. Active and strong to 10c higher for best dressed beef and butchers' steers; cows slow and weak to 10c lower; stockers and feeding steers steady; grass range in light supply. Good to choice corn-fed, \$4.500 4.95; common to medium, \$3.20@4.25; stockers and feeding steers, \$2@3.40; grass-range steers, \$1.80@2.85; cows, \$1.25@2.80.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,428; shipments, 623. Opened steady to weak, gradually declining and generally 5c lower. Good to choice, \$5.10@5.15; common to medium, \$4.90@5.05. Sheep-Receipts, 1,767; shipments, 963. Steady. Good to choice muttons, \$3.50@3.75; common to medium, \$1.50@3.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Beeves—Receipts, 36 carloads, 24 car-loads for beef exporters and 20 car-loads for city slaughterers direct. Prices were advanced 20c per cwt, and the pens were cleared at an early hour. Common to prime native steers sold at \$3.75 25.50 per 100 pounds, and fair Colorado steers at \$4.25. Exports to-day and to-morrow, 50 beeves and 304 quarters of beef.

Sheep—Receipts, 4,200. and 2,000 were carried over from yesterday. Market firmer and a fraction higher for good and prime offerings. Poor sheep sold at \$223 per 100 pounds; common to prime

sheep at \$3.25@5.60; poor to prime lambs at \$5@ Hogs-Receipts, 5,700, all for city slaughterers diect. Market nominally quiet and firm at \$5.40@

ST. LOUIS. Dec. 14.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,800; shipments, 1,500. Market strong. Choice heavy native steers, \$5\alpha 5.50; fair to good native steers, \$4.40\alpha 5.10; butchers' steers, medium to choice, \$3.40\alpha 4.40; stockers and feeders, fair to good, \$2\alpha 3.10; rangers, corn-fed, \$3.10\alpha 4.30; grass-fed, \$2.10\alpha 3.20.

Hogs-Receipts, 5,200; shipments, 1,500. Mar-set strong; choice heavy and butchers' selections, \$5.30 @ 5.40; packing, medium to prime, \$5.10 @ 5.30; light grades, ordinary to best, \$5 @ 5.20. Sheep—Receipts, 800; shipments, none. Market steady; tair to choice, \$3 \$\alpha 4.50.

EAST LIBERTY, Pa., Dec. 14.—Cattle—Receipts, 456; shipments, 209. Nothing doing; all through consignments. No cattle shipped to New York to-day. Hogs—Receipts, 4.400; shipments, 5,300. Market opened active on light; slow on heavy. Closed dull and 10c off on light from following prices: Philadelphias, \$5.40; mixed, \$5.40@5.45; Yorkers, \$5.40@5.50; common to fair, \$5.25@5.35; pigs, \$4.75@5.25. Thirty-three cars of hogs shipped to New York to-day.

Sheep-Receipts, 2.400; shipments, 2,000. Market firm on good; dull on common and medium, at CHICAGO, Dec. 14 .- The Drovers' Journal re-

ports. Cattle-Receipts, 6,000; shipments, 3,500. Market strong and 10c higher; beeves, \$5.50\(\pi\)6.15; steers, \$3\(\pi\)5; stockers and feeders, \$2.25\(\pi\)3.50; cows, bulls and mixed, \$1.50\(\pi\)2.290; Texas cattle, \$1.80@2.65; Western rangers, \$3@3.60. Hogs—Receipts, 23.000; shipments, 5.000. Market slow and 5@10c lower; mixed, \$5.05@5.30; heavy, \$5.10@5.45; light, \$5.05@5.30; skips, \$3 Sheep—Receipts, 4,000; shipments, 1,000. Market steady; natives, \$2.65@5; Westerns, \$3.25@4.40; Texans, \$2.30@3.10; lambs, \$4@4.75.

BUFFALO, Dec. 14. — Cattle — Receipts, 1,400 head through; 100 head for sale. Market active and a shade higher; good stock, \$4\alpha 5.25.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 200 head through;
2,800 head for sale. Market active and 25c higher than Monday. Good shipping sheep, \$4.25\alpha 5.25;
Western lambs, \$5.50\alpha 6; Canadas 15\alpha 25c higher at

Hogs-Active and 10c lower. Receipts, 4,500 head through: 10,500 head for sale. Mediums, \$5.25@ 5.35; Yorkers and pigs, \$5.35@5.40; rough stock CINCINNATI, Dec. 14 .- Cattle-Receipts, 950; Sheep-Receipts, 800; shipments, 600. Lambs, firm at \$3.50@5.75. Hogs active and higher. Common and light, \$4.50 @5.30; packing and butchers', \$5.15@5.35. Re-

ceipts, 6,600; shipments, 2,000. INDIANAPOLIS MARKETS.

The Volume of Trade Highly Satisfactory, Coupled with an Easy Money Market.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 14. Business in all departments is highly satisfactory in its volume. With the movement of the corn and hog crops money is becoming more plenty, and the business situation is seldom healthier in tone than at the present time. In prices, to-day, fluctuations were few and of little importance. The dry goods market carries a firm tone, and buyers are taking hold with siderable freedom. Woolen goods are mo ing more freely the last few days. Grocers are experiencing an unusually good trade for December, and prices all along the line rule steady and firm, coffees still being upward in their tendency. The increase in trade this month will go far with the grocers to make up for the deficiency of the last month. The provision market is unsettled and prices are fluctuating. Packers are desirous that lower prices might rule, feeling that they are now paying too much for hogs, but so long as provisions range in prices as they have for some days past, hogs will sell at present figures, which, the packers say, should be satisfactory to the sellers. The hide market is sufficiently active, but the prices do not respond to the activity. There are indications of an improvement in the flour market, which has been under a cloud most of the time in the past year. Stocks are being reduced sharply and there is more inquiry. The seed market, except in a wholesale way, is rather quiet, with a firm tone to prices. In the produce market there is a fair business in progress. Apples are meeting with a better sale. Vegetables of all kinds are in good supply, and prices range as for some days past. Sweet and Irish potatoes are not coming in so freely, but prices are not yet affected by the lighter arrivals. Poultry is in better demand, but prices do not improve. Packers are still placing a large per cent. of the arrivals in the cold storage houses. Both butter and eggs rule weak at quotations.

There was a better attendance on 'Change today and bidding on corn and oats was more spirited than at any call for several days past. The condition of the market is thus summar-

Wheat-Owing to the dull flour market millers are slow buyers, but offerings are small and receipts very light. A limited amount of business is being done on the basis of the following quotations: No. 2 red, \$1.02 @ 1.03; No. 3 red, 95 @98c; rejected, choice samples, 86@92c, and poorer samples down to 75 @ 80c. Corn-The market is unchanged and demand

moderate. White corn, good color, finds easy sale both for shipping and milling. The demand for mixed grades is almost entirely from the chippers. The receipts posted to-day are 34 cars, the greater part of which are of ear corn. No. 2 corn is nominally 341 @ 351c; No. 3 white, one color, we quote at 33 @ 33 te; No. 3 yellow, salable at 30 a 31 c; No. 3 mixed at 30 a 31c; No. 4 yellow at 29 a 30 c; No. 4 mixed at 29 a 30c; ear corn is in domand at 28c, at which prices sales of 8 cars were made on the call board; white ear, choice color, would sell as high as 30 @ 30 c. Oats-There is a fair demand from local jobbers, but offerings are small and trade consequently limited. No. 2 white is salable at 29c; No. 3 white sold at 28c on track; No. 2 mixed we quote at 264 @27c; rejected at 234 @244c.

Hay-Offerings continue free; demand is fair for the better grades. We quote choice timothy, \$14 bid; No. 1 timothy, \$13.25 @ 13.60; No. 2 timothy, \$10@11; mixed, @ @10; No. 1 prairie, \$8@ Feeds-Bran is in good demand at \$13.25;

nothing offering. Hominy feed held at \$13. The Jobbing Trade.

FOREIGN FRUITS. Raisins, London layer, new, \$3.50@3.75 P box loose, muscatelle, 2-crown, \$2.50@3.75 P box; Velencia, new, 71208c \$\varphi\$ lb; citron, 24026c \$\varphi\$ lb; currants, 6120712c \$\varphi\$ lb. Bananas.—Jamaica, \$1.5002.2.00; Aspinwall, \$1.5002.50. Oranges—Floridas, russets, \$2.0002.25; brights, \$2.5002.75 \$\varphi\$ box. Lemons—Fair stock, \$2.75; choice, \$3.50; extrafancy, \$4.50. Figs, 14016c. Prunes—Turkish, old, 414 @419c; new, 5@519c. FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

APPLES—Per brl, choice, \$1.5002; common. 75e 0\$1.25; selling in bulk on track, 30040c P bu.

CRANBERRIES-Per brl. \$5.50@7.50; bushel boxes,

GRAPES—Concords, fresh and repacked, 25c P basket; Catawbas, 30c P basket; Malagas, \$5.00 for heavy weight, \$4.00 for light weight; Fenly, \$7.

ONIONS—\$1.10@1.25 P brl; Spanish, \$1.00 POTATOES-Per brl. \$1.2501.50; from car. 350 SWEET POTATOES -Jerseys. \$3.25 @3.50 P bel for bulk: packed stock, \$3.75 \$4.00 \$ bri; Kentucky, \$2.00 \$2.25 \$ bri.

GROCERIES. COFFEES—Ordinary grades. 16@17c; fair, 17½ @18c; good, 18½@19½c; prime, 20½@21½c; strictly prime to choice, 21½@22½c; fancy green and yellow, 22½@23½c; old government Java, 31½@32½c; ordinary Java, 27½@28½c, imitation Java, 25½@26½c; roasted coffees, 22¾c.

MOLASSES AND SYRUPS—New Orleans molasses, fair to prime, 30@35c; choice, 40@50c. Syrups, 30@40c. FLOUR SACKS—No. 1 drab, 4 brl. \$33 \$\P\$ 1,000; \frac{1}{2}\$ brl, \$17; lighter weight, \$1 \$\P\$ 1,000 less.

LEAD—7@8e for pressed bars.

DRIED BEEF—11@13e.

SPICES-Pepper, 184019c; allspice, 10012c; eloves, 24028c; cassia, 10012c; nutmegs, 70085c

STABCH-Refined pearl, 3@34c P 15; Eureka, 5
@6c; Champion gloss lump, 3424; improved corn,
5426c.
RICE-Louisiana, 5@7c.
SHOT-\$1.4521.50 P bag for drop.
SUGARS-Hards, 74284c; confectioners' A, 73co SUGARS.—Hards. 74284c; confectioners A, 7367
713c; off A, 716273cc; white extra C, 7271cc; fine yellows, 65827c; good yellows, 6582634c; fair yellows, 658265c; common yellows, 64263cc.

SALT.—In car lots, 90c; small lots, \$1.0021.05.

TWINE.—Hemp, \$12218c \$ B; wool, 8210c; flax, 20230c; paper, 18c; jute, 12215c; cotton, 16225c.

WOODENWARE.—No. 1 tubs, \$7.7528.00; No 2 tubs, \$6.7527.00; No. 3 tubs, \$5.7526.00; 3-hoop pails, \$1.7521.80; double washboards, \$222.75; common washboards, \$1.2021.85; clothes-pine, 50285c \$250.00; @85c ₽ box. WOODEN DISHES -- Per 100, 1 th, 20e; 2 ths, 25e

3 ms, 30c; 5 ms, 40c. WRAPPING-PAPER.—Crown straw, 18c & bundle; medium straw, 27c; double-crown straw, 36c; heavy-weight straw, 13,22c & fb; crown rag, 20c & bundle; medium rag, 30c; double-crown rag, 40c; heavy-weight rag, 214,23c & fb; Manila, No. 1, 8,29c; No. 2, 51,261,2c; print paper, No. 1, 6,27c; book paper, No. 3, S. & C., 10,211c; No. 2, S. & C., 8,29c; No. 1, S. & C., 71,28c. 1, S. & C., 7408c.

JOBBING PRICES.—Smoked meats—Sugar-cuerd hams, 10 to 12 fbs average, 124c; 15 fbs average, 124c; 15 fbs average, 124c; 174 fbs average, 124c; 20 fbs average, 114c; 22 fbs average, 114c; English-cured breakfast bacon, light or medium. 12c; sugar-cured shoulders, 10 to 12 fbs average, 104c; California hams, light or medium, 104c; dried beef hams, 11c; dried beef hams, knuckle pieces, 104c; dried beef hams, thin pieces, 84c. Bacon—Clear sides, medium average, 10c; slear backs, medium average, 94c; clear bellies, medium weight, 10c. Dry salt and Pickled Meats—Clear sides (unsmoked), 94c; clear backs (unsmoked), 94c; clear bellies, medium weight, 10c. Bry salt and Pickled Meats—Clear sides (unsmoked), 94c; clear backs (unsmoked), 94c; clear backs (unsmoked), 94c; clear bellies (unsmoked), 94c; clear pork, 4 brl 200 fbs, \$17.00; ham or rump pork, 4 brl 200 fbs, \$15.50; Bologna—Skin, large or small, 74c; ibs, \$15.50; Bologna-Skin, large or small, 71sc; kettle rendered, in tierces, 10e; in one-half bris, Rettle rendered, in tierces, 10c; in one-nair oris, 104c; in 50-lb cans in 100-lb cases, 104c; in 20-lb cans in 80-lb cases, 104c. Refined Lard—In tierces, 94c; in 50-lb cans in 100-lb cases, 94c. Fresh Meats—Shoulders, 9c; cottage hams, 9c; pork backs, suitable for chops, fat on, 9c; do, fat off, 94c; ground sausage, in 20-lb pails, 8c; ground sausage, in links, 9c; sausage meat, 7c; shoulder bones, 3c.

LEATHER. HIDES AND TALLOW LEATHEB-Oak sole, 33@37c; hemlock sole, 26@32c; harness, 30@35c; skirting, 37@38c; black bridle, \$60@65; fair bridle, \$60@78 \$\phi\$ doz.; eity kip, \$60@80; French kip, \$85@120; eity calfskins, 85@\$1.10; French calf-skins, \$1.15@1.80. HIDES—Green, 5c; green salt, 6c; green salt kip, 5 \$\overline{0}5\overline{4}c; green salt calf, 6\overline{0}6\overline{4}c; dry flint, 8c;

SHEEPSKINS-Pelts, 25c@\$1.00.
TALLOW-No. 1, 514c; No. 2, 414c. GREASE...Brown, 21gc; yellow, 23gc; white, 41gc. PRODUCE. BEANS-Choice hand-picked navy, \$2.25

bu; medium hand-picked, \$2.00@2.15.

BEESWAX--Dark, 18c; yellow, 20c.

BUTTER—Fair creamery, 18@20c; choice, 23@25c; choice creamery, 28@32c; country, 15@16c; com-EGGS-Shippers paying 16c; selling from store FEATHERS Prime geese 350 P B; mixed duck, GAME—Ducks, mallard, \$2.75 \$\psi doz; prairie chickens, \$4.50\pi 5.00 \$\psi doz; quails, \$1.25\pi 1.50 \$\psi doz; squirrels, \$1.00\pi 1.25 \$\psi doz; venison, 18c \$\psi b;

whole deer, 10c P ib; rabbits. \$1.

POULTBY—Hens, 6c; chickens. 6c; turkeys, 6

7c; toms, 6c; roosters, 3c; geese, full-feathered.

P doz. \$4.80 \$5.00; plucked, \$3.50 \$24.20; ducks, old and young, 6c. WOOL—Tub-washed and picked, 33@35c; un-washed, medium and common grades. if in good order, 22c; unwashed fine, 17@28c; fleece washed, if light, well washed and in good order, 28@30c; burry and unmerchantable, according to their value.

SEEDS. Clover—Red, choice, 60 to bu, \$4.50@4.75; English, choice, \$4.60@5.00; common, \$4.40@4.75; White, choice, \$6.75@7.50; Alsike, \$6.75@7.50; Alfalfa, choice, \$5.00@7.50. Timothy—Choice, 45 to bu, \$1.75@2.25. Blue grass—English, 10c bu, \$1.75@2.25. Blue grass—English, 10c bu, \$1.75@2.25. Blue grass—English, 10c bu, \$1.25@1.50. Red top —choice, 14 to bu, 80c@\$1.00. English blue grass.

24 to bu, \$1.25@1.50. Acme lawn grass, 14 to s, \$1.75@2.25. Sand two 65c by by, Flaxaged, select \$1.75@2.25. Seed rye, 65c P bu. Flaxseed, select ed, \$1.30@1.50 per bu. Hemp, 314c. Canary, 5e Rape, 7c h fb. New popeorn, 1@2c Pfb.

THE PUZZLE DEPARTMENT.

[Everything relating to this department must be ad-

dressed to W. H. Graffam, West Scarborough, Cumberland county, Maine. Original contributions and answers to each week's puzzles are desired.] Answers to Puzzles. No. 2897-Not every blossom ripens into fruit.

No. 2898-1. B-r-usk. 2. G-r-ain. 3. B-r-ush. 4, Ba-r-se. 5. Fa-r-ce. 6. Fa-k-ir. 7. F-l-ight. No. 2899-Butter-cup. No. 2900—Wilderness of Judea. No. 2901—1. Mad-rid. 2. Plum-met.

Original Puzzles. NO. 2912-AMPUTATIONS. Behead and curtail a small crustacean, and leave 2. A military attendant, and leave intimate. 3. Exhausted, and leave numble.

4. A Hebrew measure, and leave domestic. A rapacious bird, and leave conducted 6. Sword-grass, and leave to dip. W. SCARBOROUGH, Me. NO. 2913-COMBINED DOUBLE ACROSTIC. [Words of equal length.]

1. A kind of plain, coarse fustian. 2. A kind of rust on plants. 3. A reasoner. 4. Anxiously diligent. 5. Examination. 6. Serenely. Primals-Panegyric. Finals—A person of conspicuous desert. Combined—Commendable. AU AUNT XOA. NO. 2914-LETTER ENIGMA.

In lamp, but not in wick; In unwell, but not in sick; In State, but not in town: In pants, but not in gown; In barp, but not in fife: In heart, but not in life; In rake, but not in spade In lad, and, also, in maid: In recompense and in fee; In insect and in bee; My whole is a repartee. UNCLE WILL. NO. 2915-A STAR.

1. A letter. 2. Completely. 3. A division of a town. 4. To applaud. 5. Colors. 6. A stray. 6. Second sales. 7. A pronoun. 8. A letter. NO. 2916-CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES.

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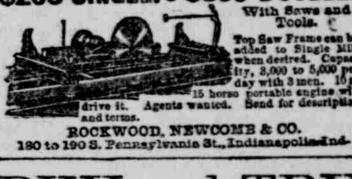
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